

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
February 12, 2018

10:00 AM Meeting called to order
Roll call of the members
Approve minutes of previous meeting
Approve order of agenda

Agenda

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| 1. Budget Report | |
| a. Monthly Financial Statements | Information/action |
| b. Approval of bills | Information/action |
| 2. New Business | |
| a. 2018-19 Spray Contracts | Information/action |
| b. Other | |
| 3. Monthly Progress Report | Information |
| 4. Upcoming events | Information |

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Weed Control Progress Report

February 5, 2018

Period from Jan 8 to Feb 5, 2018

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business:

2018-19 Spray Contracts: Solicitations for roadside spray bids for the 2018 and 2019 spraying seasons will need to be sent out. The basic contract will remain the same. The herbicide mix for the spring and summer application will be Tordon/Freelexx to avoid dicamba complaints. Tordon/Overdrive to be used in the fall when soybeans and other broadleaf crops are maturing. The bid packets will specify several herbicides mixes to be priced with the Tordon/Freelexx mix \$/acre cost of to be used as the contract award selection. The proposed dates for advertising, opening and awarding the bid are:

February 12 advertise for bids
March 5 bid opening at 1 pm,
March 12 bid award at regular board meeting

Proposed motion: Move to accept language of Invitation To Bid and solicit for bids for noxious weed spraying in roadside rights-of-way for years 2018-2019.

Monthly Report

One-ton truck purchase: We are not able to order a GMC dual-wheel one-ton pickup; GM did stop taking orders for dual-wheel trucks the first part of November. Consulting with Mr. Wilcox a Dodge Ram one-ton pickup truck was ordered. Expected delivery is in early April.

Water heater: The water heater was replaced. Even though it was only a few years old it filled up with crud and thus tripped the breaker. The tank was flushed several times to no avail. It is assumed that West Fargo's switch to the Fargo water source may have added sediment to the tank.

Display: The Weed Control display has been ordered and delivered. It will be set up at the pesticide training sessions and other events.

Canada thistle bio-control: A biological control agent to control Canada thistle may become available this summer from the USDA, pending USDA permit application approval. A leaf rust disease (*Puccinia punctiformis*) has had good success in many locations in Colorado. River bottoms and wooded areas (tree belts) that can provide long dew periods would be good sites for release. Cass County has asked for one or two releases.

City of Casselton: Casselton city attorney called to inquire on how to set up a weed management plan for the city. They will look at West Fargo's policy.

Pesticide Training: Cass County Extension has asked to assist in their private pesticide training sessions. I have agreed to conduct atv sprayer calibration. Training dates are:

February 20	Arthur
February 21	Kindred
March 12	Page (will not attend, Weed Board meeting)
March 15	Buffalo
March 20	West Fargo
March 27	Casselton

Highway Department Building upgrades and expansion plans: Planning discussions have started on the Weed/Vector vehicle storage building. Also, Water Resources is planning on a building expansion project on the Highway Department campus. Hopefully details will be available for the board meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Corn-Soy Expo	February, 13, Fargo
Pesticide Training	February 20, 21
North Dakota Winter Show	March, 2-10, Valley City
Pesticide Training	March 12, 15, 20, 26